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MUNICH PLEASE PASS TO I. BELOUSOVITCH USARI GARMISCH

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, PIDP, UR, US
SUBJ: EMBASSY REJECTS MFA'S ALEGATIONS AGAINST FORMER EMBASSY
OFFICER BELOUSOVITCH

REFS: (A) MOSCOW 17786, (B) MUNICH 4270

1. CONSULAR COUNSELOR RESPONDED TO MFA USA DIVISION COUNSELOR
V.I. TRIFONOV DECEMBER 23 ON NON-PAPER OF DECEMBER 8 RE ALLEGA-
TIONS AGAINST FORMER EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY IGOR BELOUSOVITCH,
PER PARA 3, REFTEL A, AND HANDED HIM NON-PAPER (SEE TEXT BELOW).

2. TRIFONOV REPLIED THAT MFA STANDS ON CHARGES MADE AGAINST
BELOUSOVITCH MADE IN DECEMBER 8 NON-PAPER. HE ADDED THAT IF
EMBASSY WISHES TO PURSUE MATTER, MFA WILL PRODUCE DOCUMENTARY
EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE THOSE CHARGES (N.B., PRESUMABLY LETTER
FROM V.V. MIKITYANSKIY).
CONSULAR COUNSELOR, NOTING THAT WE CHECKED WITH BELOUSOVITCH,
REITERATED EMBASSY CATEGORICAL REJECTION OF ALLEGATIONS.

3. BEGIN TEXT. THE EMBASSY CANNOT ACCEPT THE UNFOUNDED
ALLEGATIONS AGAINST EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY BELOUSOVITCH
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CONTAINED IN THE MINISTRY'S ORAL STATEMENT OF DECEMBER 8.
THE EMBASSY WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT IT CONSIDERS SOCIAL
CONTACTS BETWEEN EMBASSY OFFICERS AND LOCAL CITIZENS A
PERFECTLY NORMAL OCCURRENCE. ALLEGATIONS, FROM WHATEVER
QUARTER, THAT SUCH CONTACTS HAVE BEEN USED FOR IMPROPER
PURPOSES BY MR. BELOUSOVITCH ARE NOT ONLY UNTRUE, BUT CON-
STITUTE SLANDER OF AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT.

UNFOUNDED ALLEGATIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN THE MINISTRY'S ORAL STATEMENT HAVE APPEARED REPEATEDLY IN VARIOUS ORGANS OF THE SOVIET PRESS IN THE PAST YEAR, AND HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST VARIOUS EMBASSY OFFICERS, PAST AND PRESENT. THE EMBASSY WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT IT FINDS SUCH ALLEGATIONS NO LESS REPUGNANT IN AN ORAL STATEMENT FROM THE MINISTRY THAN IN A PRESS ARTICLE.

WHILE THE EMBASSY HAS NO MEANS OF DETERMINING WHAT PURPOSE SUCH FABRICATIONS ARE DESIGNED TO SERVE, IT IS CONSTRAINED TO POINT OUT THAT THEY DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. END TEXT.
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